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Mr. Will Kempton, Director  
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, MS #82  
For Ross A. Chittenden, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: AMBAG 2004/05 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 13

The Federal Highway Administration has completed our review of Amendment No. 13 to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) portion of the 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated February 2, 2006. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this amendment adds 4 project listings and modifies 16 project listings in the MTIP/FSTIP for the metropolitan planning region encompassing the counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz. Because the program modifications for the Schulte Road Bridge project at the Carmel River are outside the triennial element of the 2004/05 FSTIP, this information is considered by the FHWA and the FTA only as informational pursuant to 23 CFR 450.216(a)(2). The AMBAG Board of Directors endorsed this amendment to the FY 2004/05-2006/07 Monterey Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) on January 11, 2006, by approving Resolution No. 2006-1.

We are accepting the modifications proposed in AMBAG Amendment No. 13 to the FSTIP listing for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail, however, we caution the California Department of Transportation and AMBAG that a 20 percent state or local match is required for Federal funds authorized in SAFETEA-LU Section 1702 for High Priority Program projects. We recommend that AMBAG revise the listing for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail in the future to include the appropriate state or local matching funds in the project listing.

We are approving this amendment to the 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP for the AMBAG region pursuant to the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning requirements, including the September 2, 2005, *Interim Guidance for Implementing Key SAFETEA-LU Provisions on Planning, Environment, and Air Quality for Joint FHWA/FTA Authorities*; and in accord with the July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX. We find that the AMBAG 2004/05-2006/07 MTIP, including the changes proposed in Amendment No. 13, was developed through a continuing, cooperative



and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. §and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval of this amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at [wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Wade Hobbs*

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